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SRI M. VENUGOPALA GOUNDER :—" இதுவரை எவ்வளவு தொகை வசூல் செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்பதை சர்க்கார் அறியுமா? அப்படி வசூல் செய்திருந்தால் அதை விவசாயிகளுக்கு கொடுப்பதற்கு என்ன நடவடிக்கைகள் எடுப்பார்கள் என்று மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்வாரா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" கேள்வி சரியாக புரியவில்லை. ரெமிஷன் போக மிச்சம் வசூலித்திருக்கிறார்கள்."

SRI M. VENUGOPALA GOUNDER :—" சர்க்கார் வரிவஜா கொடுத்திருந்தும், மீண்டும் வரி வசூலித்திருக்கிறார்கள். இது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா ? அப்படித் தெரிந்திருந்தால் உடனடியாக என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுக்க இருக்கிறார்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" ரெமிஷன் தவிர, மற்றபடி வரி வசூலிப்பது நியாயந்தானே ? "

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" கேள்வி புரியாமல் இருக்கும்போது எப்படி பதில் கூறலாம் என்பதற்கு மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதில் கூறுவாரா ? அல்லது புரியாமல் இருக்கவேண்டுமென்பதற்காகவே இந்தப் பதிலைக் கூறுகிறாரா ? "

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" The hon. Member says that in spite of the instructions of the Government granting remission, collection of the full kist amount has been made. He wants to know what action the Government have taken against the subordinate officials for not discharging their duty? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" If the hon. Member brings any particular instance to my notice, I shall certainly look into it."

Attack of Rinderpest on animals

* 1132 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of attacks of Rinderpest in the Madras State and the number of deaths in 1953–54; and

(*b*) the various preventive and curative measures taken during the year?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The number of cases of attacks of Rinderpest in Madras State during 1953–54 was only 70 of which 54 resulted in deaths.

" (*b*) The preventive and curative measures taken were :—

Segregation of suspected animals, disinfection of the premises and protection of the incontact animals against the disease by preventive inoculation.

In order to prevent the infiltration of the disease into this State from the adjoining States, the Government have sanctioned a scheme under which 20 quarantine stations have been established on the borders of this State in the districts of South Kanara, Coimbatore, Salem, North Arcot and Chingleput for the inoculation of the animals brought into this State."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" I take it that rinderpest is a hoof disease of cattle. Our cattle wealth being mostly in the village parts and far removed from the amenities provided in veterinary hospitals in urban areas, may I know whether any steps have been taken to carry on propaganda work and take curative measures in the villages? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I may tell the hon. Member that this disease is now under control on account of the measures taken by the Veterinary Department. Now, in order to prevent the infiltration of the disease into this State, 20 quarantine stations have also been opened."

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY :—" Though quarantine stations have been established in Salem and North Arcot, persons infiltrate cattle, not through main roads, but by other ways into our State, thus circumventing the rule. Will the Government get the co-operation of the Police in checking such infiltration? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Government have opened these quarantine stations only recently. If there is any abuse or evasion, the Government will look into it."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" The quarantine stations are situated only near urban or municipal areas and they are not within the easy reach of villages where these animals are attacked by this disease. May I ask the Hon. Minister whether any steps are being taken to locate these quarantine stations somewhere near the villages? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have no doubt that the hon. Member understands the meaning of the word 'quarantine'. Quarantine stations are necessarily situate in the borders. I have already stated that the disease is under control. If, however, the hon. Member brings to my notice any specific cases of outbreak of this disease in the villages, I shall look into them."

Abolition of rickshaw-pulling

* 1133 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government have received any communication from the Central Government with regard to the abolition of rickshaw-pulling in the State; and

(*b*) the contents of the reply given by the State Government to the Centre?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) This Government agreed that rickshaw-pulling is hard and degrading work, which should be reduced consistently with :—

(i) the necessity for providing alternative and equally remunerative employment for the people employed in it; and